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#### **CATTLE ON FEED**

### **COLORADO**

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 810,000 head as of August 1, 2016. The latest inventory was 5 percent below last month, but up 3 percent from August 1, 2015 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during July 2016. This was 7 percent above June 2016 marketings and 20 percent above marketings one year earlier. An estimated 115,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July 2016, 10 percent above the previous month's placements and 28 percent above the July 2015 placements. Of the number placed in July, 22 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 13 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 26 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 39 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for July, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

#### **UNITED STATES**

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on August 1, 2016. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2015. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.57 million head, 2 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.52 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 352,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 235,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 360,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.71 million head, 1 percent below 2015. Marketings were the lowest for July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 50,000 head during July, 11 percent below 2015.

For a full copy of the August 2016 Cattle on Feed report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.